

Child Development Coordinating Council Minutes

February 15, 2017

Meeting Attendance

Voting Members Present: Erin Clancy, Julie Allison, PJ West, Stephanie Peters, Carla Peterson, Kimberly Villotti, Lori Lynn Ahrends, and Rae Miller

Voting Members Absent: Beth Van Meeteren

Non-Voting Members Present: Tom Rendon

Non-Voting Members Absent: Mary Shihadeh, Lora Patton, and Judy Russell

Staff to Council: Amy Stegeman and Amanda Winslow

Secretary: Gloria Hamilton

Guest: Terri Mash & Linda Fitzgerald

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item:

Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Erin Clancy, CDCC Chair. A short round of introductions was completed to welcome two new members: Rae Miller and Lori Lynn Ahrends.

ACTION Item:

Approval of November 9, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Erin asked for any comments or edits to November 9, 2016. No edits were suggested. A motion was made by PJ West and seconded by Stephanie Peters to approve the November 9th meeting minutes. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comment: None

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item:

Results from the Survey Monkey sent to Shared Visions Preschool program grantees to determine their professional development needs and interests.

- During the November 9, 2016 the Council discussed the upcoming Learning Supports Conference that will be hosted by the Department of Education on May 9 and 10, 2017. Since the November Council meeting a survey was sent to Shared Visions Preschool programs to gather programs' perspective of professional development needs. The survey focused on five professional development areas that were most commonly mentioned in the renewal applications for fiscal year 2017. There were 90 survey responses received. The survey focused on professional development areas of Teaching Strategies TM GOLD®, curriculum and planning, STEM, Early Childhood Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (EC-PBIS), and strategies to support dual language

learners. The Council reviewed the survey results and discussed session options for the Learning Supports Conference. Council member suggestions included alternating EC-PBIS options and to offer sessions on curriculum needs in the afternoon with one session on STEM in the morning.

ACTION Item

Professional development strands for Shared Visions Preschool participants for the Learning Supports Conference may 9 & 10, 2017

This agenda item was skipped. It was determined that action was not needed due to a previous approval by the Council to use funds for the conference.

ACTION Item

Waiver request from preschool grantee

- A waiver request was received from Ottumwa Community Preschool as this was a newly awarded grantee in FY16. This request complied with IAC 281.64.15 (2). The Council reviewed the request and discussed the program's proposed timeline for obtaining NAEYC accreditation. A motion was made by Kimberly Villotti to accept the waiver for Ottumwa Community Preschool, pending the results of the NAEYC visit. Rae Miller seconded the motion. The Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion. No one opposed the motion.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item:

Updates from Staff

Preschool Program Updates

- In follow-up to quorum not being met during the November 9, 2016 meeting, an electronic vote request was made to the Council and the following Council members voted unanimously in favor of all the motions: Erin Clancy, Kimberly Villotti, Mary Groen, Julie Allison, PJ West, Carla Peterson, Lora Patton, Judy Russel, and Mary Shihadeh. There were no votes made not in favor of the following motions:
 - Kimberly Villotti had made a motion to approve the September 14th, 2016 meeting minutes, with an edit made within the update section. Julie Allison seconded the motion.
 - Kimberly Villotti made a motion to approve the utilization of the \$5,000 in funding, as reserved for professional development and/or program evaluation, to support professional development opportunities at the Learning Supports Conference for Shared Visions preschool programs. Mary Shihadeh seconded the motion.
 - A waiver request was received from College Community Prairie View Elementary as this was a newly awarded grantee in FY16. This request complied with IAC 281.64.15 (2). The Council reviewed the request and discussed the program's proposed timeline for obtaining NAEYC accreditation. A motion was made by Judy Russell to accept the waiver for

College Community Prairie View Elementary, pending the results of the NAEYC visit. PJ West seconded the motion.

- During the November 9, 2016 meeting the CDCC Annual report to the Governor was developed, finalized and sent to the Council for an electronic vote. Council members that voted unanimously in favor of the report included: Julie Allison, Kimberly Villotti, PJ West, Stephanie Peters, Rae Miller, Erin Clancy, Judy Russell, Lora Patton, and Mary Shihadeh.
- A reminder was offered that administrative rules will need to be updated to respond to changes in Chapter 256A which do not go into effect until the next competitive grant cycle. The Council had a short discussion about the program standards grantees would be able to select from when this change goes into effect.
- Staff shared that the third quarter payments were processed in January 2017 and were distributed to programs.
- Mid-year budget reports were due January 31, 2017. Reviews went well with staff contacting programs to provide an update of approval or the need for negotiation of the budget page as needed. Work continues on the preschool program evaluation and a teacher survey was recently distributed. The purpose of the survey is to gather baseline data, program design, and information on professional development and available supports.
- College Community reported a visit by NAEYC for accreditation and is awaiting a decision. This will determine whether the Council needs to reconsider the waiver submitted previously.
- Community Action Agency of Southeast Iowa received NAEYC Accreditation for three classrooms supported by the Shared Visions Preschool grant, all located at Madison Head Start now. No further follow-up related to their approved waiver is needed.

Parent Support Program Updates

- Third quarter payments and mid-year budget report updates were the same as provided during the Preschool Program Update.

Update on Early Childhood Iowa

- February 28, 2017 will be the Early Childhood State Fair Day at the Hill or “Day on the Hill”.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item: CDCC Member Updates

Kimberly Villotti: SF130 was recently enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa which reduced the FY17 budget for the Iowa Department of Education. This will reduce Appropriation 811 which includes funding for Shared Visions grants. We are waiting for final word on additional cuts prior to determining the impact that may occur for grantees. Kimberly provided a legislative update as relevant to early childhood care and education. Kimberly also shared that there will be a new Teaching Strategies GOLD

® platform. The timeline for launching the new platform is still to be determined but it will be available in FY18. She shared an update on the ESSA state plan and timeline. Additionally, Kimberly provided an update on the new Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards that were approved by the State Board of Education in January 2017. The Department will pilot a new IQPPS Desk Audit through Differentiated Accountability in the 2017-2018 school year. Pilot districts in FY18 will be voluntary.

Lori Lynn Ahrends: The Teacher Leadership & Compensation (TLC) team in Council Bluffs has included a preschool team and has had positive district response.

Carla Peterson: Recently, Carla presented in an early childhood conference in Brazil. Carla presented about family home visits to support families with young children. She shared a new video, *Beginning of Life*, available on Amazon and Netflix which could be useful for parent support programming.

PJ West: The Department of Public Health recently received a portion of Innovations Grant to support the expansion of the family support modules. MIECHV federal funding will be determined soon.

Erin Clancy: The Child Care Training Registry had a few programming errors that were found and corrections are in process. The Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) implementations are still in-progress.

Stephanie Peters: She will be enrolling in early childhood courses soon.

Rae Miller: The University of Iowa will open the new University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital soon. This is a 14 floor facility. The University of Iowa is also working to expand existing programs and develop new services on-site and throughout Iowa to meet the current and future needs of Iowa's children.

Dr. Linda Fitzgerald: The Governor's STEM Advisory Council received a grant to provide professional development to emphasize how to expand STEM into interest areas within the preschool classroom.

Julie Allison: No update provided; left prior to lunch.

Tom Rendon: No update provided; left at lunch break.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item: CDCC Duties and Action Steps

- In IAC 256A.3 there is a specific section detailing the duties of the Council. The Council reviewed previous work and discussion of the outlined duties. They discussed how some of the duties are being met currently and identified next steps for their work to ensure all duties of the Council are being fulfilled.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item:

Establish 2017-2018 meeting dates

- Proposed dates that align with the previous year's schedule:
 - September 13, 2017 – Grimes Building – B50: 10:00am to 3pm
 - November 15, 2017– Grimes Building – B50: 10:00am to 3pm
 - February 14, 2018– Grimes Building – B50: 10:00am to 3pm
 - April 11, 2018 – schedule room: 10:00am to 3pm
 - July 18, 2018 Zoom– schedule room: 10:00am to 12:00pm
- Staff will send calendar invites and post the dates to the Council webpage.

Future Meeting Agenda Items:

- Continue to work on number four from the Duties of Council handout
- Receive an update regarding the Learning Supports Conference
- Renewal applications and timeline
- By-laws
- Update – program evaluation & next steps

Future Council meeting dates:

- April 12, 2017 – Grimes Building – B50; 10:00am – 3pm
- July 19, 2017 – Optional Distance Meeting & Grimes Building- 3 N Central; 10:00am-12:00pm

Adjourn

- Meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.